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Report of the Secretary-General on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 62/208, 63/232 and 65/177)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on analysis of the funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2010 (General Assembly resolutions 35/81, 59/250, 62/208, 63/232, 63/311 and 64/289 and Council resolution 2011/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on results achieved and measures and processes implemented in follow-up to General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 62/208, 63/232, 63/311 and 64/289 and Council resolutions 2008/2, 2009/1, 2010/22 and 2011/7)

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Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services on its work during 2011 (E/2011/35) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 62/208 and 65/176 and Council resolution 1995/51)

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[1] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (E/2012/5) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2011 (E/2011/34/Rev.1) and its first regular and annual sessions of 2012 (E/2012/34 (Part I) and Add.1 and E/2012/34 (Part II)) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/2012/6) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (General Assembly resolution 64/289 and Council resolution 2011/5)

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Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2011 sessions (E/2012/36) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

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[2] 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265.

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Report of the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security on the main decisions and policy recommendations made as well as the results achieved by the Committee in the area of food security and nutrition (Council decision 2011/217)

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Report of the Secretary-General on recovering from the world financial and economic crisis: a Global Jobs Pact (Council resolution 2011/37)

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolutions 58/230, 62/187 and 65/145 and Council resolution 2010/26)[1]

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (General Assembly resolution 65/280 and Council resolution 2011/9)[1]

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fourteenth session (12-16 March 2012) (E/2012/33) (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46)

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Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2011/12 (Council decision 2001/321)

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (relevant fascicles of A/67/6) (General Assembly resolution 58/269 and Council resolution 1988/77)

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

Documentation

No advance request for documentation

(d) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 62/137 and Council resolution 2011/6)

(e) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

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Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti (Council decision 2011/268)

(f) African countries emerging from conflict

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Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support to South Sudan (Council resolution 2011/43)

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Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control (Council resolution 2010/8)

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Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2010/24)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

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Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 57/147 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[1]

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 2011/40)

Report of the Secretary-General on support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations (Council resolution 2011/40)

10. Regional cooperation on the theme (*to be decided*)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/2012/15 and addenda) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

The economic situation in the Economic Commission for Europe region: Europe, North America and the Commonwealth of Independent States (E/2012/16) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa (E/2012/17) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

Summary of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* (E/2012/18) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook (E/2012/19) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region (E/2012/20) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

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Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan[1] (Council resolution 2011/41)

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2012 regular session, 30 January-8 February and 17 February 2012 (E/2012/32 (Part I)) (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decisions 1995/304 and 2011/233)

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2012 session, 21-30 May and 8 June 2012 (E/2012/32 (Part II)) (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decisions 1995/304 and 2011/233)

13. Economic and environmental questions

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2010/24)[1]

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fourteenth session (12-16 March 2012) (E/2012/33) (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46)

(b) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fifteenth session (Geneva, 21-25 May 2012) (E/2012/31) (General Assembly resolutions 46/235 and 56/182 and Council decision 2011/240)

(c) Statistics

Documentation

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(d) Human settlements

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Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 and 56/206 and Council resolution 1978/1)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council resolution 2011/21)[1]

(e) Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII), 53/242 and 64/204)[1]

(f) Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-fifth session (23-27 April 2012) (E/2012/25) (General Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 2011/247)

(g) Public administration and development

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Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its eleventh session (16-20 April 2012) (E/2012/44) (Council resolutions 2001/45 and 2003/60 and decision 2011/252)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its seventh session (E/2012/45) (Council resolution 2004/69 and Council decision 2011/253)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role and work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (Council resolution 2011/23)

(i) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

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Report of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on the work of its second session (Council resolution 2011/24)

Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-seventh session (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

Report of the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

(k) Women and development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-sixth session (27 February-9 March 2012) (E/2012/27) (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24)

14. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-sixth session (27 February-9 March 2012) (E/2012/27) (Council resolutions 11 (II), 1987/22 and 1996/6 and Council decision 2011/241)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcomes of the 2011 sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[1]

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fiftieth session (1-10 February 2012) (E/2012/26) (Council resolutions 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7 and Council decision 2011/255)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (Council resolution 2011/29)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twenty-first session (Vienna, 23-27 April 2012) (E/2012/30) (Council resolution 1992/1 and Council decisions 1993/242 and 2011/257)

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-fifth session (Vienna, 12-16 March 2012) (E/2012/28) (Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39 and Council decision 2011/261)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2011 (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 58/153)

(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(g) Human rights

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Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its forty-fourth (Geneva, 3-21 May 2010) and forty-fifth (Geneva, 1-19 November 2010) sessions (E/2011/22) (Council resolutions 1988 (LX), 1985/17 and 1995/39 and decisions 2010/247 and 2011/279)

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its 2011 sessions (E/2012/22) (Council resolutions 1988 (LX), 1985/17 and 1995/39)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[i]

(h) **Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its eleventh session (7-18 May 2012) (E/2012/43) (Council resolution 2000/22 and Council decisions 2011/267 and 2011/277)

(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

Documentation

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High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions

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World Economic and Social Survey, 2013 (General Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50)

World Economic Situation and Prospects, 2013 and mid-2013 update (General Assembly resolution 118 (II) and Council resolution 1990/52)

Annual ministerial review on the theme "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals"

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the annual ministerial review for 2013 (General Assembly resolution 61/16, para. 10, and Council decision 2011/208)

[3] The list of questions will be further revised in the light of the Council's deliberations on the proposed programme of work for 2013.

Thematic discussion on the theme (to be decided)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the thematic discussion for 2013 (General Assembly resolution 61/16, para. 2 (c))

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 2004/323)

B. Operational activities segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on analysis of the funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2011 (General Assembly resolutions 35/81, 59/250, 62/208, 63/232, 63/311 and 64/289)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on results achieved and measures and processes implemented in follow-up to General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 62/208, 63/232, 63/311 and 64/289 and Council resolutions 2008/2, 2009/1 and 2010/22)

Report of the Secretary-General on actions taken by the executive boards and governing bodies of the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies in the area of simplification and harmonization of the United Nations development system (General Assembly resolution 62/208)

Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services (General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (General Assembly resolution 64/289)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (General Assembly resolution 64/289)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

South-South cooperation for development

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation (General Assembly resolutions 33/134 and 58/220)

C. Coordination segment

The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (Council resolution 2008/29)

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16[1]

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Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 52/12 B and Council decision 1999/208)

E. General segment

Implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and

follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16[1]

Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Documentation

Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution 58/230)[1]

Review and coordination of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (General Assembly resolution 61/1 and Council decision 2001/320)[1]

Coordination, programme and other questions

Reports of coordination bodies

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Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-third session (General Assembly resolution 31/93 and Council resolution 2008 (LX))

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2012/2013 (Council decision 2001/321)

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

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Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (General Assembly resolution 58/269)

Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

African countries emerging from conflict

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (Council resolutions 1994/24 and 1999/36)

Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2014 and 2015 in the economic, social and related fields (Council decisions 52 (LVII) and 1988/103)

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16[1]

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 57/147 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[1]

Regional cooperation [*Theme(s) to be selected*]

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Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan[1]

Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2013 regular and resumed sessions (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

Economic and environmental questions

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16[1]

Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy (Council resolution 1079 (XXXIX))

Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex)

Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission (Council resolutions 1768 (LIV) and 1999/8)

Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda[1]

Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 53/242)[1]

Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development (General Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 1995/209)

Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (Council resolutions 2001/45 and 2003/60)

International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (Council resolution 2004/69)

United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests (Council resolution 2004/69)

Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Cartography

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (Council resolution 2011/24)

Report of the Nineteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Council resolutions 131 (VI) and 556 (XVIII))

Report of the Tenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas (Council resolutions 131 (VI) and 1839 (LVI))

Women and development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24)

Transport of dangerous goods

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolution 2009/19)

Social and human rights questions

Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[1]

Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development (Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7)

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Council resolution 1992/1)

Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 58/153)

Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX), 1985/17 and 1995/39)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[1]

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (Council resolution 2000/22)

United Nations research and training institutes

Documentation

Report of the Director of the United Nations System Staff College on the activities of the College (General Assembly resolution 60/214)

Report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University (General Assembly resolution 61/216)

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2009/27 (General Assembly resolution 62/210)

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Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2012 is given in the annex below. According to the equitable geographical rotation of the office of the President among the regional groups, the President for 2012 should be the representative of a member of the Eastern European States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the regional groups, excluding that to which the President belongs.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each of the Vice-Presidents.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 10 January 2012 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

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The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and of other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 61/16.

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work for the year.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Pursuant to Council decision 2006/206 on adapting the work of the Council, the President of the Council will convene consultations of the Council, on an as-available basis, to adapt its organization of work, agenda and current methods of work in pursuance of paragraphs 155 and 156 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome and the related provisions of General Assembly resolution 61/16.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2012 and 2013 (E/2012/1) prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

The Council's attention is also drawn to paragraph 155 (b) of General Assembly resolution 60/1, in which the Assembly mandated the Council to hold a biennial high-level Development Cooperation Forum to review trends in international development cooperation, including strategies, policies and financing, promote greater coherence among the development activities of different development partners and strengthen the links between the normative and operational work of the United Nations.

The Council's attention is also drawn to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 61/16, in which the Assembly requested the Council to hold the Development Cooperation Forum in New York, starting in 2008, to review trends and progress in international development cooperation.

In its decision 2011/208, the Council decided that the theme of the annual ministerial review of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2012 would be "Promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic growth at all levels for achieving the Millennium Development Goals".

The Council's attention is further drawn to General Assembly resolution 61/16, in which the Assembly decided that the Council should continue to promote global dialogue, inter alia, through strengthening existing arrangements, including a thematic discussion on a theme from economic, social and related fields to be decided by the Council and informed by a report of the Secretary-General.

The Council's attention is also drawn to General Assembly resolution 64/193, in which the Assembly reaffirmed the need for a strengthened and more effective intergovernmental inclusive process to carry out the financing for development follow-up and to review progress in the implementation of commitments, identify

obstacles, challenges and emerging issues and propose concrete recommendations and actions; and endorsed, in that regard, the recommendations of the Council as contained in its resolution 2009/30.

In its resolution 2011/38, the Council stressed the need to further improve the dialogue between Member States and representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development during the special high-level meeting of the Council; requested the President of the Council to seek a more interactive, dynamic and substantive discussion on key issues related to the financing for development framework; welcomed the efforts undertaken to give more prominence to the consideration of the agenda item on financing for development during the annual substantive session of the Council, including the allocation of the item to its coordination segment; and stressed its resolve to continue improving those modalities in accordance with its resolutions 2009/30 and 2010/26.

Pursuant to Council resolutions 2009/30, 2010/26 and 2011/38, the President of the Council will convene consultations of the Council and between the Bureau of the Council and appropriate representatives of the governing bodies of the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development regarding the proposed dates (13-14 March 2012), substantive focus and format of the special high-level meeting of the Council with those institutions. The Council may also wish to consider, in the context of the preparations for its substantive session for 2012, the modalities of its consideration of the agenda item on financing for development, as appropriate.

In its resolution 2008/29, the Council decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2012 would be devoted to the theme of the 2011 ministerial declaration on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education.

In its decision 2011/215, the Council decided to defer its consideration of the report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its seventeenth session to a session in 2012.

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, in which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. In accordance with Council decision 1999/208, the Council, at its organizational session, may wish to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2012.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its annual organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

In its decision 2011/251, the Council approved the provisional agenda and dates for the twenty-seventh session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and the dates for the tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names. The secretariat is proposing a change in the meeting dates of both bodies in order to allow for the scheduling of the meeting of the Committee

of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, established by the Council in its resolution 2011/24.

In its decision 2011/279, the Council also decided to further defer its consideration of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions (E/2011/22) until the 2012 substantive session of the Council.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2012 and 2013 (E/2012/1)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2012 (E/2012/2/Add.1)[1]

[1] To be issued.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2012

	Term expires on 31 December
Argentina	2012
Australia	2013
Bahamas	2012
Bangladesh	2012
Belarus	2014
Brazil	2014
Bulgaria	2013
Burkina Faso	2014
Cameroon	2013
Canada	2012
Chile	2012
China	2013
Comoros	2012
Cuba	2014
Dominican Republic	2014
Ecuador	2013
Egypt	2012
El Salvador	2014
Ethiopia	2014
Finland	2013
France	2014
Gabon	2013
Germany	2014
Ghana	2012
India	2014
Indonesia	2014
Iraq	2012

	Term expires on 31 December
Ireland	2014
Italy	2012
Japan	2014
Latvia	2013
Lesotho	2014
Libya	2014
Malawi	2013
Mexico	2013
Mongolia	2012
Netherlands	2012
Nicaragua	2013
Nigeria	2014
Pakistan	2013
Philippines	2012
Qatar	2013
Republic of Korea	2013
Russian Federation	2013
Rwanda	2012
Senegal	2013
Slovakia	2012
Spain	2014
Switzerland	2013
Turkey	2014
Ukraine	2012
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2013
United States of America	2012
Zambia	2012